

To: Beck, Nancy[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Strauss, Linda[Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy[Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov]; Wise, Louise[Wise.Louise@epa.gov]; Jakob, Avivah[Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov]
From: Dunton, Cheryl
Sent: Thur 8/3/2017 11:14:25 AM
Subject: Re: GTG-Wall Street Journal Chicago Due TH AM: Press Query regarding Monsanto/glyphosate documents (from WSJ)

Thanks. I'll get it to OPA.

On Aug 3, 2017, at 7:13 AM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok by me.

Thanks.

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT

Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:01 AM
To: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: GTG-Wall Street Journal Chicago Due TH AM: Press Query regarding Monsanto/glyphosate documents (from WSJ)

OKed by Rick, OGC. OK to go?

Please cc: Cheryl b/c I am out.

Incoming: Hello Robert, this is Jacob Bunge at the Wall Street Journal in Chicago here, I

hope you have been well. I've been going through a bit some of these emails and internal communications that have been posted earlier today by the plaintiffs' attorneys involved in this glyphosate lawsuit against Monsanto, and we may put together a story on it. The documents all were posted up here: <https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/toxic-tort-law/monsanto-roundup-lawsuit/monsanto-secret-documents/>

There's a number of email chains among these documents that include direct communication with EPA officials (such as Jack Housenger) regarding the current status of EPA regulatory reviews of glyphosate or those of other agencies (the potential review by the HHS department for instance), some of which include Monsanto employees describing these interactions favorably, other times with frustration (the email with another industry official regarding a presentation Mr Housenger had made at one point). **So my question was, does EPA regard these as appropriate communications with a registrant like Monsanto, and if there's any further context or general comment about EPA employees are expected to interact with companies like this, etc.**

Response:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Additional Context for Registrant Interaction:

EPA has an ongoing statutory responsibility to ensure that pesticides currently on the market continue to meet the standards in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). As the pesticide licensing agency, EPA communicates and meets regularly with registrants to discuss chemicals and products that are under EPA review. The pesticide licensing program also relies heavily on data that are submitted to EPA by pesticide registrants and applicants for registration. Studies submitted by pesticide companies are required to support EPA's registration and registration review decisions. Congress placed this obligation on the pesticide manufacturer rather than requiring the EPA (and taxpayers) to develop and fund such data development.

EPA has enforcement policies and practices in place to help ensure that registrant-developed data represent sound science. For example, EPA developed an extensive set of guidelines and protocols that applicants and registrants use in developing required data. Once studies are submitted to the Agency, EPA scientists conduct extensive analysis of the

raw data to ensure that the design of the study is appropriate and that the data are collected and analyzed accurately. In addition to registrant-submitted studies, EPA scientists review pesticide studies from peer-reviewed scientific journals and data from a wide variety of sources when they are available. In doing so, agency scientists identify hazards and characterize risks using the best data available for their review.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 6:58 AM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>; Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: LINDA/OPP Query regarding Monsanto/glyphosate documents (from WSJ)

Good morning,

Deadline tomorrow AM. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thanks, R.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bunge, Jacob"
Date: August 2, 2017 at 12:03:21 AM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Query regarding Monsanto/glyphosate documents (from WSJ)

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Please let me know tomorrow morning, as we are looking to pull this together tomorrow.

Thank you,

Jacob

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